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# MACKEREL PLENTIFUL BUT WILD.

## Six More Seiners Arrived From South Shoal Ground.

## Maine Expert Claims That Fish Are Returning to Former Haunts.

That the mackerel are still schooling in the vicinity of the South Shoal lightship is evidenced by the arrival at Boston of two of the seining fleet with fine trips and three others of the fleet at Newport with good catches, all from the above mentioned location.

The captains all report a good body of fish there, but they are very wild and hard to stop. With good weather they hope, however, to be able to do something with them.

Yesterday afternoon sch. Constellation, Capt. Charles Maguire, arrived at T wharf with 15,000 fresh mackerel in count, the fare selling at 16 cents for large and 12 cents for mediums. This morning sch. Saladin, Capt. Wallace Parsons, arrived at T wharf, hauling for 18,000 fresh mackerel. Capt. Parsons got 17 cents for his big fish and 12 cents for the mediums.

This morning three of the fleet reached Newport, sch. Effie M. Prior, Capt. Elroy Prior, her second trip in three days, with 10,000 fresh mackerel, sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. Reuben Cameron, with 12,000 fresh mackerel, and sch. Slade Gorton, Capt. George B. Heckman, with 4000 fresh ones.

There are some medium fish in all the fares brought in.

Sch. M. Madeleine, at Newport, a few days ago, had 50 barrels of fresh mackerel, instead of 1500 fish in count, as previously reported.

The Yarmouth steamer at Boston today has 257 barrels of fresh mackerel, so it looks as though there was a late run of fish on the Cape Shore, and well in shore.

Sch. George Parker, Capt. Rufus McKay, stocked \$5522.36 as the result of her recent Cape Shore mackerel seining trip, the crew sharing \$134.14.

### Seiners at Boston.

Sch. Saladin, 18,000 fresh mackerel, 10 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Constellation, 15,000 fresh mackerel.

### Latest News from Newport.

Sch. Pinta, Capt. Douglass McLean, arrived at Newport this noon with 10,000 fresh mackerel. The Pinta is only out a few days from here.

Capt. Elroy Prior reports that the fleet in today at Newport and Boston got their fish 20 miles to the westward of the South Shoal lightship. There seemed to be a good body of fish there but the fish were wild.

Capt. Prior says that he set around a school and it was so large that it took the corks down and took the dory down too and things looked bad for a while but finally the corks came up and they were able to save the fare they have in at Newport today, 10,000 fish in count, out of the big school. Could they have saved the business they could have filled the vessel.

Capt. Prior, who is a conservative man, says that the outlook is good.

### Seiners at Newport.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, 12,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Effie M. Prior, 10,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Slade Gorton, 4800 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Pinta, 10,000 fresh mackerel.

### Netters at Newport.

Sch. Tecumseh, 4000 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. J. F. McMorrow, 1700 large fresh mackerel.

### Mackerel Off Irish Coast.

Mackerel have schooled well this year off the Norwegian and Irish coasts. So far this year 21,700 barrels of fresh mackerel have been landed in Ireland. At Dingle the first

week in June was landed 30,000 fish in count. On the steamer Bohemia, in at Boston yesterday, 150 barrels of Irish mackerel came to Boston. At 11 places in Norway 782,200 fish have been landed, most of which is being cured for the American market.

### MACKEREL COMING BACK.

Such Is the Opinion of Charles A. Dyer of Portland.

The mackerel are coming back. Fishermen have said they have been gone for good, but indications now all point to the fact that the industry is coming into its own again.

That is the opinion expressed by Charles A. Dyer of Portland, and says the Portland Press if there is anyone on the whole Atlantic coast who knows about mackerel it is Mr. Dyer. Other people who are old in the business, fishermen and everyone else who know anything about the industry, all concede that Mr. Dyer knows more about mackerel than any one else.

Now when he admits that the fish are coming back, and it looks as if there would be a good season for Portland, one may safely conclude that this is the condition that will result.

"The situation that prevailed 20 years ago seems to be repeating itself," said Mr. Dyer to a Press reporter. "It has been fully 20 years since the mackerel struck in as they have this summer. Twenty years ago the big herring hit the coast, just as they have this year. They always precede the mackerel. There have not been herring of this kind on the coast in a score of years and these that are now being caught are like the old Portland shore herring that were so famous years ago. At that time the big herring struck in and in the fall there were fully 70,000 barrels caught. After the herring had been along in the spring, the mackerel came."

"It looks now as if these conditions would be repeated. It has been fully 20 years since the tinker mackerel have been caught off of Portland and now they are being caught again. I certainly do look for a good season in mackerel in Portland."

Asked what might be the reason for the prevalence of mackerel, Mr. Dyer said:

"The mackerel always follow the big herring. And the big herring have been attracted to the coast because there is plenty of red seed in the water for feed. The herring eat this and they are getting fat."

"But there is one thing that will result from this. The herring are absolutely unfit to salt after they have just eaten the red seed. You will remember last year that a big lot of sardines were condemned by the United States government because the herring were put up before this red seed had been taken out. If the fishermen this year put up herring the same way, they will have their product condemned. Salt will not preserve the fish when they have the red seed in them."

"The greatest care is always exercised in Portland in salting herring so that there will be no violation of the laws. Herring caught here are carefully cleaned and then soaked in water to remove impurities and then they are salted. Thus they are made clean and wholesome."

"If herring are left in the pounds or traps for 12 or 14 hours after being caught, they will throw out this red seed and then be fit for salting at once. Those caught in seines will do the same thing if a pocket is made and they are kept in the water alive for 12 hours. I think that the pure food law will require that the packers have the herring pocketed before they are removed from the water."

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# WIND BOTHERED SHORE BOATS.

## WERE UNABLE TO OPERATE YESTERDAY IN HEAVY BREEZE.

It blowed too hard for the little gasoline shore seining fleet yesterday, consequently there were no hauls of herring or shad the only exception being sch. Mary Emerson, which brought in eight barrels of the former. The boats will probably have a chance to operate today, although there is still quite a breeze going.

This morning early there were but two arrivals here, sch. Avalon, from Portland, where she landed her halibut, with 25,000 pounds of salt cod, and sch. Flora J. Sears from Boston with 12,000 pounds of fresh fish to split.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Avalon, via Portland, 25,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, via Boston, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mary Emerson, shore, 8 bbls. fresh herring.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, via Boston.

Sch. Emily Sears, via Boston.

Sch. Gladys and Sabra, shore.

Sch. Gladys and Sabra, drifting, 20,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Actor, via Boston.

Sch. Emerald, via Boston.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Fish Hawk, drifting.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, haddocking.

Sch. Georgia, seining.

Sch. Senator, seining.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Ellen C. Burke of this port, arrived at Liverpool, N. S., having been in collision with a Lunenburg vessel. The Burke lost mainsail and main boom.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott was at Liverpool, N. S., Monday and cleared.

Sch. Margaret was at Canso, N. S., Monday.

### On the Railways.

Sch. Lafayette is on Parkhurst's railways.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

Salt Cape Shore mackerel \$13 per bbl.

Trawl bank codfish, large, \$4; medium, \$3.50.

Handline Georges codfish, large \$4.87½, medium \$4.37½, snappers \$3.

Salt "Drift" codfish, large, \$4.62½, medium \$4.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.12½, medium \$3.62½.

Haddock, \$2.00.

Pollock, \$1.75.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.75.

All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above prices.

#### Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.

Large cod, \$2.40 per cwt.; medium, \$1.85 per cwt.

Peak and Western bank fresh codfish, \$2.20 per cwt. for large and \$1.75 for mediums.

Cusk, large, \$1.75; mediums, \$1.25; Hake, \$1.

Dressed pollock, 90 cts., round, 80 cts.

Bank halibut, 7½c per lb., for white, and 5c for gray.

Fresh "drift" codfish, large, \$2.60 per cwt.; mediums, \$2.05.

Cape North cod, \$2.30 for large and \$1.75 for mediums.

### PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

#### Coastwise Arrivals.

Sch. Annie F. Kimball, Bangor for Provincetown.

First Swordfish Trip of the Season.

The first swordfish trip of the season is in, and instead of the fortunate craft, sch. Little Fannie, Capt. Charles Nelson, of this port, making Boston for market as is usual, she went into Newport yesterday and there landed her fare of 17 large fish. The whole lot was immediately shipped to Boston by rail and the dealers will have them to work on today.

Capt. Nelson hit the market all right for he sold the fare outright at Newport for better than 20 cents per pound, and then like the hustler he is, drove right out after another trip.

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## Believe Stray Man Will Be Heard From.

Capt. Brooks and crew of sch. Ida S. Brooks, take the same view of the finding of the dory of Frank Silva, their missing man, as did the Times yesterday. From the fact that when the dory was picked up, the sail was set, the dory right side up, and trawls and oars in her, they figure, as did the Times, that the man has been rescued by some passing vessel or steamer which is bound to a southern port or across the ocean and that there is a strong probability of his being heard from.

### Lobster Weighed 35 Pounds.

The lobster brought to T wharf, Boston, this morning by sch. Josephine DeCosta, was a regular "walloper." The wharf men called it the largest they ever saw, and indeed it must have been a monster, for it weighed 35 pounds. It was caught on a trawl set in 90 fathoms of water, 60 miles off Highland light.

### Halibut at Portland.

Sch. Avalon landed 7000 pounds of halibut at Portland yesterday.

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## Stocked \$9106 on Salt Trawl Bank Trip.

Sch. Arkona, Capt. Newman Wharton, stocked \$9106 as the result of her recent salt trawl bank trip, the crew sharing \$155.

### For Salt Dory Handline Trip.

Capt. Newman Wharton is fitting sch. Arkona for salt bank dory handline trip.

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### Portland Fish News.

Foggy weather that made it impossible to fish was reported by Capt. Ben Johnson of sch. Hattie L. Trask and Capt. Tobin of the schooner Avalon on their arrival at Portland Wednesday with halibut.

The Trask had been fishing for two weeks on Georges and in that time landed 3000 pounds of halibut and 10,000 pounds of salt cod. The halibut were sold to J. W. Trefethen and the cod will be taken to Gloucester later after the schooner makes another trip. Dogfish were reported numerous on Georges, but the skipper said they did not bother his fishing to any great extent. The principal difficulty arose from the weather.

There was too much wind Wednesday for the herring fishermen and as a result not a barrel of the fish that are so plentiful in the waters was landed.

One hundred barrels of shad were brought in Wednesday by the sloop Olympia from down the bay.

Wednesday the fishing steamer Carrie and Mildred returned from a trip to the westward where she had been seining, but she had no fish.

### Staggered at the High Prices.

The Fishing Gazette has the following interesting item:

"Edward Born, of the Seaboard Trading Co., No. 12 Water street, New York, returned yesterday from a second tour made in the last two weeks of his company's curing plants down east. Mr. Born was duly impressed with the great amount of fresh fish being brought into the home market, but said he was "staggered" at the high prices being asked and given."

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### Dogfish Bothering Boat Fishermen.

Dogfish are bothering the shore boat fishermen all along the coast. At Hampton beach the fishermen say the hordes come in and take the bait right from the hooks without waiting for the fish to first take hold.



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# CAPE SHORE FLEET ARE ALL HOME

## Season Remarkably Successful Considering Size of Fleet.

### Vessels Still Getting Mackerel on South Shoal Grounds.

All of the vessels of the Cape Shore fleet are now home, nine of them coming from the eastward during the night. The crafts have from 56 to 200 barrels of salt mackerel, and bring no fresh mackerel. Their skippers report fish still on the Cape Shore, but that the weather is too bad to operate. Some of them got hauls off Canso late last week, one craft, sch. Stiletto, taking as high as 100 barrels.

The crafts which came during the night were schs. Electric Flash, Veda M. McKown, Patrician, Priscilla Smith, Squanto, Stiletto, Lena and Maud, Valerie and Jennie B. Hodgdon.

In all, 31 crafts have arrived home, bringing 5696 barrels of salt mackerel and 8780 barrels of fresh mackerel, which is a fine showing when the small size of the fleet is considered and really much better than anyone expected.

Yesterday afternoon sch. Clintonia, Capt. Ralph Webber, arrived at Boston from the South Shoal grounds with a fine fare, 13,000 fresh mackerel, and this morning sch. Thomas J. Carroll, Capt. Thomas A. Cromwell, is at T wharf with 4000 fish in count.

This morning three of the fleet are at Newport, sch. Arabia, Capt. Samuel T. Hatch, hauling for 4000 fresh ones, sch. Victor, Capt. John W. McFarland, with 5000 fish, and sch. Diana with 500 fish in count.

Prices at Boston this morning for fresh mackerel were 15-12 cents each for large and 12 cents for mediums.

The captains continue to report quite a lot of fish in the vicinity of the lightship, but say they are very wild and are now much mixed with porgies. Several vessels set and got nothing but porgies.

A few good sized mackerel are being taken in the traps on the Maine coast from Old Orchard to Seguin.

#### Tinker Mackerel Caught Off Hampton Beach.

For the first time in a long while the shore fishermen at Hampton Beach are catching mackerel, and tinker mackerel at that. The fish caught go about one pound each, although some of them weigh not more than half a pound. The fishermen are selling them to their neighbors at 20 cents per pound.

#### Mackerel More Plentiful Off Souris, P. E. I., Than for Twenty Years.

A special to the Times from its regular correspondent at Souris, P. E. I., under date of Tuesday, reports that catches of from 500 to 1000 large mackerel were taken in the nets in Souris harbor, and Colville bay, south side of the island, on Monday and Tuesday.

The advices state that not for 20 years have such catches been made. The fish are being bought by A. R. Logie & Co., of Chatham, N. B., who have a large gasoline boat at Souris. They are paying nine cents each for the fish, which are being frozen and shipped to western Canada.

#### Seiners at This Port

Sch. Veda M. McKown, 200 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Electric Flash, 107 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Patrician, 150 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, 160 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Squanto, 100 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Stiletto, 230 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Lena and Maud, 200 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Valerie, 200 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon, 56 bbls. salt mackerel.

#### Seiners at Boston

Sch. Clintonia, 13,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 4000 fresh mackerel.

#### Seiners at Newport.

Sch. Arabia, 4000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Victor, 5000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Diana, 500 fresh mackerel.

#### Netters at Newport.

Sloop Wodan, 500 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Julietta, 850 fresh mackerel.

#### Sales of Cape Shore Mackerel Fares.

All the Cape Shore salt mackerel fares were cleaned up this morning at \$13 per barrel. The fare of sch. Stiletto went to William H. Jordan & Company, that of sch. Priscilla Smith to Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company those of schs. Lena and Maud and Veda M. McKown to Davis Brothers, that of sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon to Cunningham & Thompson Company, that of sch. Electric Flash to Fred Bradley and that of sch. Patrician to George Perkins & Son, while the fare of sch. Squanto sold to Knowles Freeman Fish Company, of Boston.

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# WILL HAVE PLANT AT LOUISBURG.

## Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company Offered \$5000 Bonus and Free Taxes.

### Step Made Necessary by Fishery Clause of Reciprocity Agreement

The Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company of this city will establish a branch of its business at Louisburg, C. B. This step, as was the buying of a large steamer by this concern a few weeks

ago, is considered to have been made necessary by the approach of reciprocity with Canada and the resulting enactment of the free fish clause. The move on the part of the Gorton-Pew

Company is a parry for the reciprocity bill on the part of that firm, which claims that the coming of free fish, and this alone, has made this, its latest move, necessary.

A few weeks ago Benjamin A. Smith, vessel manager of the concern, visited Louisburg and looked about carefully, deciding, after inspection, that it would be a good place to establish a fish plant.

Later, Capt. Marvin of Halifax, representing the Gorton-Pew concern, went to Louisburg and looked the ground over, viewing several properties, and finally selected a suitable site for the company's proposed plant.

Last week Capt. Marvin appeared before the town Council, which gave a hearing on the matter. Capt. Marvin explained that the Gorton-Pew people, whom he represented, would put up a substantial fishing plant at Louisburg, one which would be worth in the neighborhood of \$50,000, that they would operate vessels from there, but that their principal business there would be to buy fish for which they would pay the local fishermen good cash prices.

The firm would handle a fleet of some 200 motor fishing boats, as well as having a gasoline auxiliary schooner to go about the shore collecting fish from the fishermen. They would have a cold storage building and smoke house in connection with their plant, and beside the number of fishermen engaged to catch fish for them would also employ between 40 and 50 people.

The concern proposed to operate no store except for the fitting of its own vessels and all it desired was the good will of the people.

#### Town Council Vote Bonus of \$5000 and Free Taxes for Five years.

After the hearing, the town council voted to recommend a bonus of \$5,000, at \$1,000 per year for five years, if the concern would locate the plant at Louisburg. The council also recommended that the concern have free taxes for the same length of time.

The matter will be submitted to the rate payers to vote upon on June 29.

It is understood here that the offer of the town council is very satisfactory to the Gorton-Pew Company, and the Times correspondent at Louisburg, who sends us the above story, also says:

"There is little doubt but what the bonus will be voted the concern. The establishment of such an industry will tend materially to the prosperity of Louisburg. The company is a good one and the people of Louisburg should encourage such a business as strongly as they can possibly do."

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# NINE CAPE SHORE SEINERS.

## ONE GEORGES HANDLINER ALSO AT THIS PORT WITH FISH.

The last end of the Cape Shore seining fleet arrived here during the night, nine crafts coming in with catches ranging from 50 to 290 barrels of salt mackerel.

Sch. William H. Rider came in this morning from Georges drifting with 45,000 pounds of salt cod, the largest salt drift fare of the season thus far.

The news of the seiners will be found in the mackerel column.

The little gasoline seiners did little or nothing yesterday, most of them coming back early. One of the small craft had three barrels of bluebacks.

#### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. William H. Rider, Georges, drifting, 45,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Lena and Maud, Cape Shore, 200 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Stiletto, Cape Shore, 237 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Squanto, Cape Shore, 100 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Electric Flash, Cape Shore, 107 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, Cape Shore, 160 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Veda M. McKown, Cape Shore, 290 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Patrician, Cape Shore, 150 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Valeria, Cape Shore, 200 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon, Cape Shore, 56 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Lillian, south netting.

Sch. N. A. Rowe, south netting.

Sch. Florida, south netting.

Sch. Massasoit, south netting.

Sch. Blanche F. Irving, south netting.

Sch. Nellie Dixon, seining.

Sch. Cherokee, south netting.

Sch. Mabel Bryson, south netting.

Sch. Edith Silveira, via Boston.

Sch. Reliance, shore.

Sch. Charles A. Dyer, shore.

Sch. Minerva, south netting.

#### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Shenandoah, seining.

Sch. Emily Cooney, seining.

Sch. Marion E. Turner, seining.

Sch. Marge Smith, Labrador coast.

Sch. Rose Dorothea, haddocking.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, haddocking.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, haddocking.

Sch. Leo, haddocking.

Sch. Edmund F. Black, Portland.

Sch. Hockomeck, Portland.

Sch. Yankee, swordfishing.

Sch. Motor, swordfishing.

Sch. Emily Sears, shore.

#### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

##### Salt Fish.

Salt Cape Shore mackerel \$13 per bbl.

Trawl bank codfish, large, \$4; medium, \$3.50.

Handline Georges codfish, large \$4.87½, medium \$4.37½, snappers \$3.

Salt "Drift" codfish, large, \$4.62½, medium \$4.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.12½, medium \$3.62½.

Haddock, \$2.00.

Pollock, \$1.75.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.75.

All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above prices.

##### Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.

Large cod, \$2.40 per cwt.; medium, \$1.85 per cwt.

Peak and Western bank fresh codfish, \$2.20 per cwt. for large and \$1.75 for mediums.

Cusk, large, \$1.75; mediums, \$1.25; hake, \$1.

Dressed pollock, 90 cts., round, 80 cts.

Bank halibut, 7½c per lb., for white, and 5c for gray.

Fresh "drift" codfish, large, \$2.60 per cwt.; mediums, \$2.05.

Cape North cod, \$2.30 for large and \$1.75 for mediums.

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NO DEMAND

FOR HADDOCK.

BUT COD, CUSK AND HAKE BROUGHT FAIR PRICES AT T WHARF.

Haddock are in such short demand at T wharf that nice off-shore stock finds no takers this morning and sch. Frances P. Mesquita with 50,000 pounds of these fish is bringing them here to split. A few shore haddock sold for \$2, but the bulk taken out went at splitting figures.

In the eight trips at the wharf this morning there are a few cod, cusk and hake and these brought fair prices large cod going at \$3 and \$3.25, large hake at \$2.50 and pollock \$1.50. Sch. Frances P. Mesquita sold her 2500 pounds of halibut at 9 and 10 cents per pound.

Yesterday afternoon sch. Clintonia arrived at the dock with 13,000 fresh mackerel and this morning sch. Thomas J. Carroll came in with 4000 fresh mackerel. Both crafts sold this morning getting 15-12 cents for large and 12 cents for mediums.

On the Yarmouth steamer at Boston yesterday were three albicore which found a ready sale. They weighed 300 pounds each.

#### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 4000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Clintonia, 13,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Nettie Franklin, 2500 haddock, 11,000 cod, 3000 hake, 7000 cusk.

Sch. William A. Morse, 12,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, 50,000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 2500 halibut.

Sch. Hortense, 24,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Walter P. Goulet, 14,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 hake, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Azorean, 5000 haddock, 300 cod, 500 hake, 100 pollock.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 25,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 2000 hake.

Str. Ripple, 17,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Haddock, \$1.10 to \$2 per cwt.; large cod, \$3 to \$3.25; market cod, \$2 to \$2.25; hake, \$1.50 to \$2.50; pollock, \$1.50; halibut, 9c and 10c per lb.; fresh mackerel, 15½c for large and 12c for mediums.